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SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEMS FOR BUSINESS FACILITATION MEETING
JUNE 9 IN WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 130633

1. EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR BUSINESS FACILITATION ITEMS
TO BE DISCUSSED OR RAISED DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WEIL'S MEETING WITH SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE MKRTUMOV
ARE OUTLINED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

2. BELARUS MACHINERY, INC (BMI) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
SOVIET PERSONNEL: A/DAS STROH'S CONVERSATION OF JUNE 1
WITH N. V. ZINOV'YEV AT SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
TRADE DURING WHICH THIS TOPIC WAS RAISED IS BEING REPORTED
SEPTEL. BRIEFLY, ZINOV'YEV TOLD STROH THAT BMI'S
REQUEST FOR TWO MORE SOVIET NATIONAL EMPLOYEES WOULD BE
HIGH ON MKRTUMOV'S LIST OF ITEMS TO DISCUSS WITH ASSISTANT
SECRETARY WEIL. RECOMMENDATION: EMBASSY COMMENTS ARE
CONTAINED SEPTEL IN WHICH WE RECOMMEND THAT NO CONCESSIONS
BE MADE TO SOVIETS ON BMI ISSUE IN VIEW OF CURRENT
LOW LEVEL OF BMI COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY AND IMBALANCE NOW
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OBTAINING BETWEEN NUMBERS OF SOVIET COMMERCIAL PERSONNEL
IN U.S. AND OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN IN USSR.

3. AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE RELOCATION. LOCAL AMEXCO
REP TEDESCO INFORMS US THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT
WHATSOEVER ON SOVIET PROMISE TO MAKE AVAILABLE NEW
AMEXCO OFFICE PREMISES IN MAY FOR RENOVATION AND EVENTUAL

OCCUPANCY. DESPITE LETTERS TO CHAIRMAN OF INTOURIST, INCLUDING A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING DATED MARCH 21, ON THIS POINT SIGNED BY AMEXCO EX-CHAIRMAN HOWARD CLARK, AMEXCO IS NO CLOSER TO MOVING INTO NEW QUARTERS ON BOL'SHAYA SADOVAYA THAN IT WAS BEFORE PASSING OF APRIL DEADLINE FOR RELOCATION OF INTOURIST OFFICES IN NEW YORK. ON A RELATED ISSUE, AMEXCO'S DEPUTY MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVE, JOHN MARSCHALKO, HAS NOT RECEIVED BACK HIS SOVIET DRIVER'S LICENSE WHICH WAS TAKEN FROM HIM IN JANUARY, 1978, ON WHAT APPEARED TO AMEXCO (AND TO US) TO BE FLIMSY GROUNDS. FULLER REPORT BEING SUBMITTED SEPTEL. RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE SITUATION OF AMEXCO IN MOSCOW BE FULLY REVIEWED WITH MKRTUMOV WITH A VIEW TO IMMEDIATE RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS.

4. SOVIET TAXATION OF INCOME EARNED BY FOREIGN PERSONS IN USSR. AS REPORTED MOSCOW 12348, 12235 AND A-149 OF JUNE 3, PRESIDIUM OF SUPREME SOVIET OF USSR ISSUED A NEW DECREE IN MAY ON TAXATION OF INCOME OF "FOREIGN JURIDICAL AND PHYSICAL PERSONS." THIS DECREE IS REPORTEDLY NOW IN EFFECT AND WILL APPLY TO INCOME EARNED BY FOREIGNER IN USSR AFTER JULY 1, 1978. (RECOMMENDATION: THAT THIS QUESTION BE RAISED WITH MKRTUMOV IN LIGHT OF PROVISIONS OXWIS-USSR TABSZREATY.)

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5. MULTIPLE-ENTRY/EXIT OISAS: WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, DEPUTYE D43 -85-58;3 9* 7.S. ACCREDITED FIRMS IN MOSCOW ARE STILL ISSUED SINGLE ENTRY/"3/85 ;8 - . (RECOMMENDATION: THAT MATTER BE MENTIONED TO MKRTUMOV AS ONE OF HIGH AND CONTINUING INTERESTEBWSU.S. BUSINESS-MEN, ALTHOUGH QUESTION IS CURRENTLY ON AGENDA OF CINSULAR TALKS BETWEEN OSD GOVERNMENTS.)

6. MODEL CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR ON-SITE WORKING CONDITIONS IN USSR: A DRAFT OF MODEL CONTRACT PROVISIONS COVERING ON-SITE PROBLEMS IN SOVIET UNION WAS HANDED TO DEP MIN MANZHULO BY ECON/COUNS DURING APRIL 25 MEETING. (RECOMMENDATION: THAT MKRTUMOV BE ASKED WHETHER SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS ANY COMMENTS ON THOSE MODEL CONTRACT PROVISIONS.)MATLOCK

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